Pollution Caused by Rourkela Steel Plant

3499. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rourkela Steel Plant has received notices of closure for causing pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to control its pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b): A show cause notice dated July 3, 1991, indicating the violation of the following conditions of consent in respect of its Sintering Plant, was received by Rourkela Steel Plant of SAIL from the Orissa Pollution Control Board:

i. Commissioning of 2nd electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) before 31.3.1991;

ii. Installation and operationalisation of required De-dusting System in Limestone and Coal Crushing Unit before 31.3.1991; and

iii. Operationalisation of cyclones of the underground Bunkers before 31.3.1991.

(c) While several measures for air and water pollution control are afoot, specifically following steps have been taken by SAIL to control pollution from Sintering Plant of Rourkela Steel Plant:

i. The commissioning of 2nd ESP, which was delayed owning to non-availability of raw materials, is likely to be completed by March, 1992, and

ii. De-dusting System in Limestone and Coal Crushing Unit and Cyclones of the underground Bunkers have since been made operational by SAIL.

[*Translation*]

Funds for Plantation of Fruit Bearing Tree

3500. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the Union Government for plantation of fruit bearing trees in rural areas of the country during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91, State-wise; and

(b) the total area covered in each State during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) (i) During 1988-89 a scheme on Package Programme on Pineapple and Banana was implemented under which following amounts were allocated. The scheme was discontinued after 1988-89.

State/UTs	*Amount allocated*
Arunachal Pradesh (Pineapple)	3.931 lakh
Goa (Banana)	1.649 lakh
Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Pineapple)	2.900 lakh
Total	8.480 lakh

(ii) The Government of India have